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**REMARKS**

Claims 2-3, 5-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-23, 25, 27-29, 31-41, 43, and 44 are pending in the present Application. Claims 12-14, 21-23, 25, 27-29, 31-41, and 43 have been cancelled, leaving allowable Claims 2, 3, 5-10, 16-18, 20, and 44 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

In canceling the claims, Applicants are not assenting to the Examiner's assertion that the claims are not patentable. Rather, Applicants have cancelled the claims merely to advance prosecution and mitigate any further costs associated with appealing this case. Additionally, it is noted that the Examiner only commented on Claims 21-22, but failed to comment on Applicants' arguments with regards to the other claims. However, these issues are moot, as Applicants have cancelled any claim found non-allowable by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment places the entire case in a condition for allowance, as the only claims remaining have been found allowable by the Examiner.

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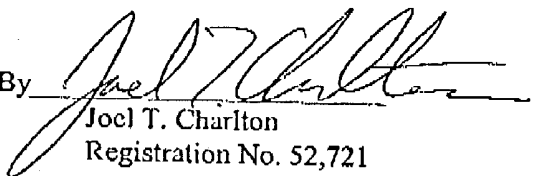
It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the case are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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